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1. ARGENTINE AIR FORCE IS EMBARKED ON PROGRAM OF IMPROVEMENTS AT VICECOMODORO MARAMBIO BASE ON SEYMOUR ISLAND OFF THE ANTARCTIC PENINSULA. WE UNDRESTAND THE ALUMINUM RUNWAY MATTING WILL BE DELVIVERED DURING THE NEXT AUSTRAL SUMMER. ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW RUNWAY WILL TAKE SEVERAL YEARS. SOME ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS AT THIS BASE ARE SCHEDULED FOR CONSTRUCTION NEXT SUMMER AS WELL. ULTIMATELY, THERE MAY BE A HOTEL CONSTRUCTED AT THIS SITE.

2. IN ADDITION TO MATTING (ALREADY PURCHASED), IT NEARLY CERTAIN U.S. FIRM (CATERPILLAR) WILL GET ORDER FOR EITH BULLDOZERS TO BE USED IN THIS CONSTRUCTION.
ONLY OTHER ITEM OF IMPORTED EQUIPMENT CURRENTLY BEING SOUTGHT IS ROCK CRUSHER, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL BE OBTAINED FROM BRAZILIAN SUBSIDIARY OF A U.S. FIRM, WHICH HAS BETTER DELIVERY
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SCHEDULE THAN ITS U.S. PARENT. SMALL DIESEL GENERATING PLANT

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WILL BE OBTAINED IN ARGENTINA.

3. SEPTEL TO NSF POLAR (RPTD DEPT) HAS SOME SUGGESTIONS OF PRICE LEWIS RE FURTHER CONTACTS OF ARGENTINE PROJECT ENGINEERS WITH APPROPRIATE U.S. ORGANIZATIONS. EMBASSY URGES DEPT. AND COMMERCE TO COLLABORATE AS NECESSARY IN PROMOTING SUCH CONTACTS, WHICH COULD LEAD TO SOME ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES BUSINESS FOR U.S. FIRMS.

4. FYI. MARAMBIO IS RELATIVELY UNIQUE IN HAVING POSSIBILITY FOR LANDING WHEELED AIRCRAFT. ITS PORT FACILITIES ARE NOT RPT NOT GOOD, HOWEVER, AND WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE INGENUITY TO OFF-LOAD HEAVY PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.
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